

REMARKS

The changes being made are simply editorial in nature and no question of new matter or questions of further search arise.

In particular, the phrase "in each structural formula, * represents a position to link to a methine chain" inadvertently has been omitted from the end of claim 2. This phrase appeared in claim 2 as originally filed. The present Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 is made to correct this error.

The Examiner states in the Notice of Allowability that certified copies of the priority documents P. Hei 11-89424 and P.2000-4868 have not been received. Certified copies of these priority documents were filed in parent application 09/536,679 on September 11, 2000 and their receipt was acknowledged by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the parent application on January 31, 2001. In the present application, in every Office Action since January 15, 2003 (January 15, 2003; September 30, 2003; June 17, 2004; March 23, 2005; and June 13, 2006), the Examiner has stated that "all" of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received. In view of the above, applicants request the Examiner to acknowledge receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.


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